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Chief Executive Officer

STATUS ON BOARD DIRECTION TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELATING TO ORDINANCES FOR GREEN BUILDING, LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING (ITEM NO. 76, OCTOBER 7, 2008 AGENDA)

On October 7, 2008, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to report back with a cost-neutral funding plan to implement the Green Building Program.

The CEO met with both Regional Planning and Public Works staff to discuss the need for additional cost and staff to implement the Green Building ordinances. During the meeting, it was determined that each department will be able to absorb the first year cost of implementing this program since much of the emphasis will involve establishing the ground work needed to develop staff training and education, as well as providing public outreach and training for the community at large.

The workload created by implementation of the Green Building ordinances for the first six months will be absorbed by departments using existing resources. During this time, both departments will be better able to determine how their workload will be affected because they will have had actual experience to help determine if additional resources will be required during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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While the criteria for determining such requests cannot be identified at this time, departments will most likely consider the time required for staff to review plans, given the complexity of the plans, as well as the capability of staff to provide adequate reviews without the need for additional training. The CEO and the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works will evaluate the need for additional resources and measures to ensure cost neutrality, and propose recommendations to your Board. Departments will have opportunities to request appropriation during either the Final Changes or Supplemental Budget phases of the 2009-10 budget process.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact George Parker at 213-974-4363.

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